

Bugs, Birds and Blizzards in the Yellowstone. By Harlow B. Mills. Collegiate Press, Inc., Ames, Iowa, 1937. 9 × 6 in., vii + 76 p., stiff paper covers, wire binding, \$0.50.

This is an interesting account of the things to be seen in Yellowstone Park, which are not seen at all by the average visitor. It was written by a naturalist, of which there are so few real ones these days. Rocks, rivers, insects, birds, beasts, trees, sunsets, people, food, warmth, shelter, and everything that enters a complete life in the open, impinged themselves upon the consciousness of Dr. Mills, and with his appreciation of the background that lies behind seemingly simple things, he has woven them into a fascinating and intensely personal narrative which all good naturalists will enjoy reading. I would rather sit at home and read this account than go to Yellowstone Park and see only "Old Faithful and a mangy bear."—H. B. W.

The Sacred Bee in ancient times and folklore. By Hilda M. Ransome. 8.5 × 5.5 inches, 308 p., 12 pl., 35 figs. Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1937. \$3.50.

This book is packed from cover to cover with interesting and fascinating information about bees and beekeeping from early times down to about the middle of the nineteenth century. The author traces the history of beekeeping through Ancient Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria, India, China, Greece, Italy, and various countries of Europe and writes in some detail of the use of bees and honey in connection with the religious, domestic, mythological and artistic life of the various inhabitants. Myths, folklore, customs, legends and superstitions, all connected with bees, crowd the pages of this book, together with illustrations as interesting as the text. And there is even a chapter about the bee in America, devoted chiefly to practices by the Maya.

There is no doubt about this book finding its way into all the entomological libraries of the country. And there are thousands of beekeepers, who, theoretically, should each own a copy, but I fear that the practical beekeepers as a group are no more interested in the historical and cultural sides of beekeeping than peanut vendors are interested in the history of peanuts.—H. B. W.